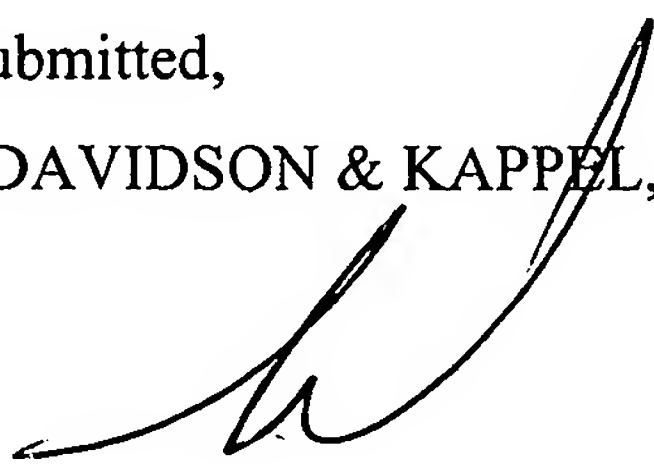


**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Claims 1 to 21 as presented in the underlying International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2004/002444 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims have been added.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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